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CORTEZ THE VAGABOND
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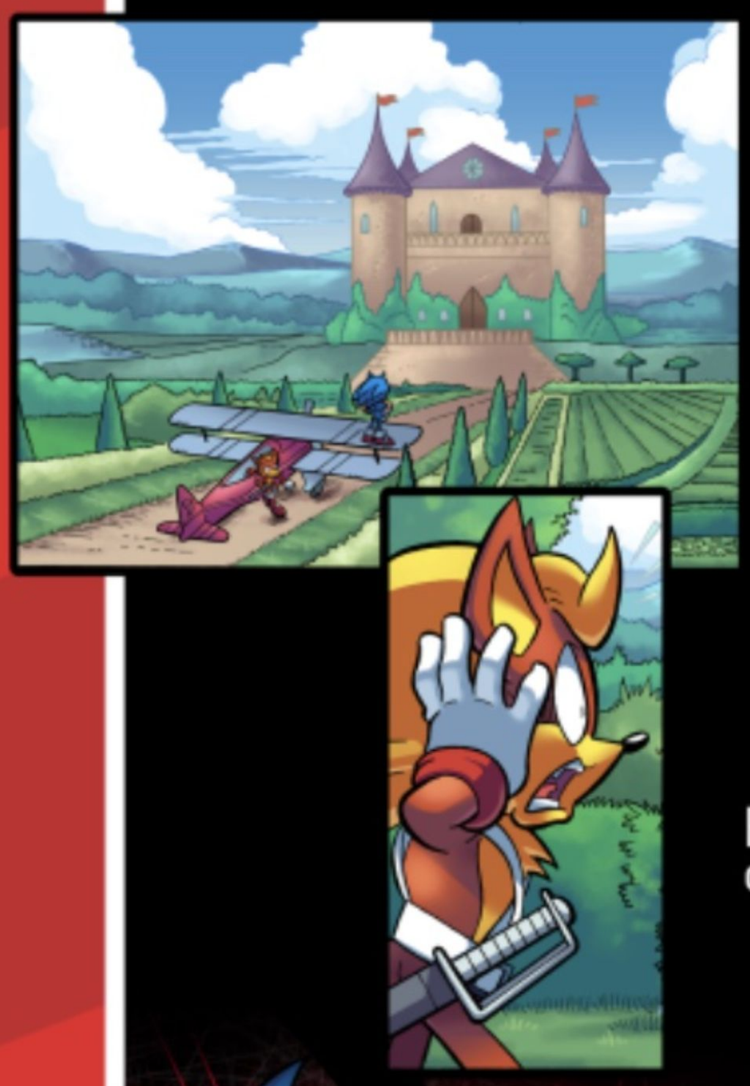
THE STORY SO FAR...

YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN!



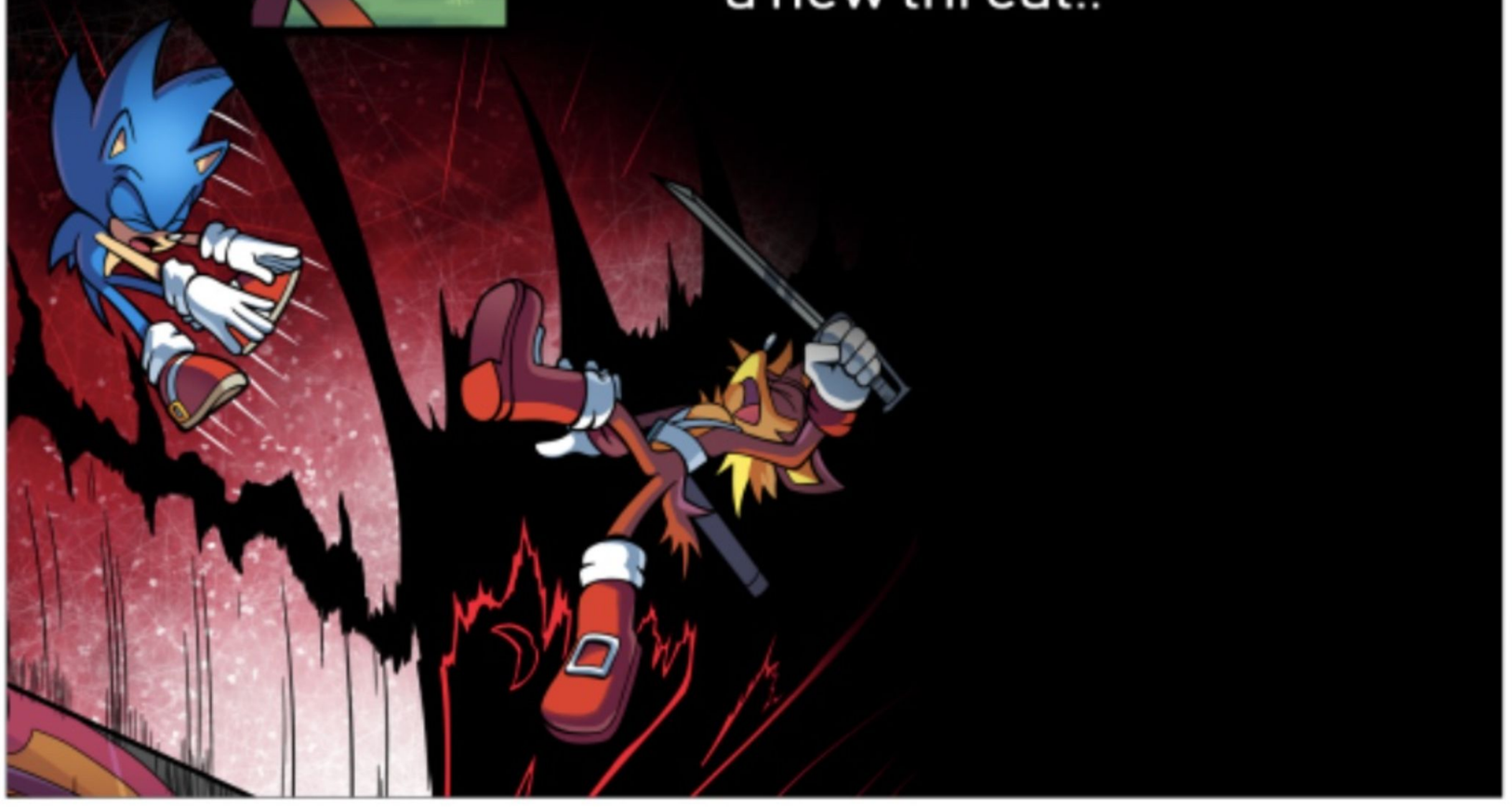
Following the restoration of the planet, the Freedom Fighters are taking time to check on their friends and family and solve problems all over the world.

Sonic and Antoine have traveled to an ancient castle in order to see what is left of the D'Coolette legacy.

Ransacked and looted but still in one piece, the castle appears empty.

But little do they know that the castle they believed to be empty, isn't.

Waiting in the darkness lies a new threat..



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HASSLE IN THE CASTLE

An Archie Sonic Fan Restoration Project
based on art by Adam Bryce Thomas

BZZRRRWWWWW

IS THIS ALL, IDIOTAS? BRUTE FORCE CANNOT CRUSH ME!

HEH, SORRY. "STRATEGY" ISN'T REALLY MY STRONG SUIT.

KTANG!

NON! SKILL AND COURAGE WILL BE DEFEATING YOU, DASTARD!

SKILL? COURAGE? WHAT A JOKE! WHAT GOOD ARE THOSE WHEN YOU'RE TOO GULLIBLE...

WHAP!

AHHG!

...TOO SLOW,

HII!

PRRRRRWWWWW

AND FAR.

TOO.

WEAK.

OOOOOF!

AAAHH!

CLLLAAAAANNNNGG!!!

ZE FLOOR-!

RRRUMMMBLE

SCHRRRIIIPPP

OH, NON...

WHUMPH

EARLIER...

WOOOOOOW.

A SCENE LIKE THIS REALLY BRINGS BACK MEMORIES.

KINDA REMINDS ME OF SALLY'S OLD DIGS.

OUI, BUT OF COURSE!

CASTLES SUCH AS THIS WERE BASTIONS OF ZE KINGDOMS THEY BELONGED TO.

THOUGH IT IS NOT QUITE AS GRAND AS ZE ACORN FAMILY'S, CHATEAU D'COOLETTE IS STANDING STILL AS ZE PRIDE OF ALL LANDS AND PEOPLES IT SERVED.

YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

SEEMS LIKE YOU HAD AT LEAST A GARDENER WITH A GRUDGE.

SACRÉ BLEU!

NORMALLY THIS'D BE WHEN I MAKE A CUTTING REMARK, BUT MAN, EVEN I'M PUT OFF BY THIS. LET'S GET INSIDE AND DOWN TO BUSINESS.

D-D'ACCORD...

TOPPED TOPIARY ASIDE, HOW COOL IS THIS PLACE? COUNTRYSIDE, CASTLES, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE!

THIS IS NOT ZE SIGHTSEEING VACATION, REMEMBER?

WE CAME TO MAKE SURE MY FAMILY HOME SURVIVED ZE SPLITTING PLANET UNHARMED.

SOON...

AH, ZE GRAND HALL. IT IS JUST AS I REMEMBER IT. IF THESE WALLS COULD BE SPEAKING, THEY WOULD TELL ZE GRANDEST TALES OF CHIVALRY AND HEROISM.

YEAH? SHAME I'VE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF ANY OF 'EM. SOUNDS LIKE THEY'D BE PRETTY SWEET.

IF OOOOONLY I HAD SOMEONE HERE THAT KNEW A CRAZY AMOUNT OF DUSTY OL' LEGENDS THAT COULD FILL ME IN!

ER, BUT...

HOW LUCKY! FOR A FORMER ROYAL GUARD TRAINEE, ZE KINGDOM'S HISTORY AND HEROES ARE SIMPLEMENT! I CAN BE ZE TOURIST GUIDE FOR YOU.

HEH, YEAH, LUCKY ME.

TO BEGIN AT ZE BEGINNINGS, THIS LAND WAS ONCE A DARK AND LAWLESS PLACE. WAR, HUNGER, PILLAGING, C'EST TERRIBLE. ALL OF THIS CHANGED WHEN ZE THREE GREAT KINGS SET DOWN ARMS AND ALLIED TOGETHER.

THESE KINGS WERE THE HEROES THAT FORGED THE PEACE WE ENJOYED FOR AGES.

SIR MAXWELL ZE WISE,

SIR ALBURN OF ZE AZURE WIND,

AND VALIANT SIR GRIPH.

AS THEIR ENEMIES FLED TO ZE FAR REACHES AND ZE KINGDOMS' BORDERS GREW, ZE GREAT KINGS KNEW THAT STRETCHING THEIR FORCES TOO THIN WOULD BECOME A GREAT RISK TO ALL THEY HAD FOUGHT FOR.

AFTER A COUNCIL, THEY CHOSE NOBLE HOUSES KNOWN FOR VIRTUE, SKILL, AND LOYALTY TO DEFEND ZE KINGDOM IN THEIR PLACE WHILE THEY LED ZE FAR-OFF CAMPAIGNS. AS ZE SIGN OF THIS HONOR, THESE FAMILIES WERE EACH GIVEN A BLADE FROM ZE KINGS' PERSONAL ARMORY.

ZE D'COOLETTES WERE ONE OF THOSE CHOSEN BY ZE GREAT KINGS, AND WE HAVE STOOD AT ZE READY TO SERVE EVER SINCE.

MY FAMILY HAS RAISED GENERATIONS OF ZE FINEST SOLDIERS, CAPTAINS, AND ROYAL GUARDS, AND I AM BUT ZE LATEST TO HAVE FOLLOWING IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS.

THAT'S... ACTUALLY PRETTY AWESOME. AND YOUR FAMILY WAS GIVEN ONE OF THESE SPECIAL SWORDS, TOO?

EXACTEMENT! FOR US, IT IS ZE HIGHEST OF HONORS TO BE ENTRUSTED SUCH RESPONSIBILITY.

SOOOOOOO, WHERE IS IT NOW? DO YOU HAVE IT?

A-AHAHA...AH, NON. IT WAS LOST IN ZE WAR WITH EGGMAN, THOUGH I HAD BEEN HOPING WE WOULD FIND ZE HINTS WHERE TO SEARCH WHILE WE ARE HERE.

HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE, THEN. CALL IT A HUNCH, BUT I THINK WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES AFTER IT.

MON DIEU!

U HAVE SEEN ME?

PILE OF FAILURES

THINK THE JOKER BEHIND THIS IS STILL AROUND, 'TWAN?

OF ALL ZE DISHONORABLE... GUTLESS...

UH, ANT?

FOR MY FAMILY'S HONOR, THIS BLACKGUARD MUST PAY!

WOAH, BUDDY! WAIT UP!

MAN DOES THAT SOUND WEIRD TO SAY...

IT MAKES NO SENSE, THOUGH. THIS PLACE WOULD'VE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO GET TO WHILE THE PLANET WAS BROKEN, AND IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW DAYS SINCE WE FIXED EVERYTHING, SO WHO-

OH. THAT ANSWERS THAT. GUESS EGGMAN'S GOONS TOOK OVER THE PLACE AND SET UP SHOP AT SOME POINT.

HOW DARE THEY?! WHEN I FIND THEM I'LL...I'LL-

OH, DO NOT WORRY, THEY'RE LONG GONE.

CLAP. CLAP. CLAP.

WELCOME, VISITORS. CONGRATULATIONS FOR COMING SO FAR.

WHO ARE YOU?! WHAT RIGHT HAVE YOU TO BE IN ZE D'COOLETTE ANCESTRAL HOME?!

PERDÓNEME, WHAT A POOR HOST I AM. YOU MAY CALL ME CORTEZ THE VAGABOND.

AS FOR WHY I'M HERE, I SIMPLY FOUND THIS POOR PLACE OVERRUN WITH VERMIN, SO I DROVE THEM AWAY AND TOOK IT FOR MYSELF.

NOT THAT IT WAS HARD. THEY WERE ALL LAUGHABLY PATHETIC. MUCH LIKE THE FORMER OWNERS OF THIS CASTLE.

NO ONE, NOT A TRACE OF AN ARMY, OR GUARDS, OR EVEN A SINGLE SOLDIER LEFT TO DEFEND THIS PRICELESS TREASURE.

IT IS NO SURPRISE TO ME. THE LORDS OF THIS CASTLE FLED LONG AGO. NOBLES IN TITLE WITHOUT THE STRENGTH OR VALOR TO EARN IT. NO. I KNOW THE REPUTATION OF THIS HOUSE.

COWARDS.

THAT TEARS IT!

FSSHING

EN GARDE!

OH? A CHALLENGE?

VREEEEEE!

CLANG!

BUENO! IT HAS BEEN SO LONELY! SO BORING!

CLANG!

SCOUNDREL! YOU BESMIRCH MY FAMILY AND CLAIM THEIR LEGACY? ON MY NAME AS A D'COOLETTE, I WILL FORCE YOU OUT!

YOU'RE A D'COOLETTE?!

KTINK

THEN ALLOW ME TO EDUCATE YOU!

Q-QUOI?

RRRR

HA. LOOKS LIKE I HAVE MORE LESSONS TO TEACH.

WHILE I WIELD THIS SWORD, YOU CANNOT BEST ME! JUST GIVE UP!

JUST GIVE UP!

JUST GIVE UP!

JUST GIVE UP!

NOW.

OOOF... WHAT BEASTLY STRENGTH.

WAIT, WHAT IS THIS? SOMETHING WAS STILL HIDDEN?!

HE KNOCKED ME INTO...ZE ARMORY? NOT LIKE THERE IS MUCH THAT COULD HELP ME HERE. EGGMAN'S SOLDIERS WOULD BE LOOTING IT BARE.

IT... CANNOT BE...

YO, ANTOINE! YOU OKAY DOWN THERE?! YOU ARE STILL DOWN THERE, AREN'T YA?

SLASH!!

PENDEJO! DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON AN ENEMY!

To our Dear Son,

There are so many, many things we wish we had time to say to you. How elated we were when you first looked to your father and pledged to be as fine a soldier as him. Our bursting pride when you donned your junior guardsman uniform. The joy we felt when you found your first love. And the sorrow following the war that ripped you, the kingdom, and everything away from us. Not a day has passed that we have not had you in our minds, and even after we have gone, we know that you have kept us in yours.

Let this guide your heart and steel your resolve while you wield these gifts we so dearly wish we could have given you in person. Always remember: it is not blade, nor lineage, nor pride that gives a soldier his strength. It is dedication to his PURPOSE.

Live happily,
Captains M. et Mme. D'coolette

DENIED AGAIN!

AAAAAANT! KINDA GETTING WORRIED NOW! IF YOU'RE FINE, GIVE ONE "HON" FOR YES, TWO FOR NO!

RRRRRT!

JUST SURRENDER ALREADY! ALL YOU DO IS RUN AND DODGE, AND YOUR YELLOW FRIEND HAS FLED, JUST LIKE YOUR HOPE!

EH?

HUH?

Svtch

NON.

HOPE HAS ARRIVED.

WELL WELL. WHAT DID YOU FIND, LITTLE SOLDIER? A NEW SWORD? YOUR SPINE?

NO MATTER! IT WILL ALL END THE SAME!

YOU HAVE NOTHING LEFT, NIÑO! I'VE CRUSHED YOUR SKILL AND YOUR COURAGE ONCE ALREADY! WHAT ELSE COULD YOU POSSIBLE WIELD AGAINST ME?

MY PURPOSE!

WHAT?!

CLANG!

CLANG!

GHHN!

KTINK!

GAH!

...H-HOW?

YOU WANNA ANSWER THAT?

IT IS AS I SAID. I AM ZE PERSONAL GUARD OF ZE ACORN FAMILY, A SOLDIER SWORN TO DEFEND ZE KINGDOM AND ITS PEOPLE FROM TYRANTS AND EVILDOERS. IT IS ZE SOLEMNEST OF DUTIES TO ME, EVEN SO FAR AWAY FROM HOME.

A SIMPLE VAGABOND WIELDING HIS STRENGTH LIKE ZE THICK AND HEAVY LUMP OF IRON CANNOT COMPARE TO SUCH CONVICTION.

Tchak!

OKAY, WOW. DUDE, WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

I MUST BE SAYING THIS, THOUGH. I HAVE NEVER FOUGHT SOMEONE SO MASTERFUL WITH ZE SWORD BEFORE. WITHOUT MY SECONDING WIND, YOU WOULD HAVE FINISHED ME FOR GOOD.

I'LL ADMIT I UNDERESTIMATED YOU, BUT WHO SAYS I CAN'T? I CAN STILL DRAW STEEL.

YOU WILL DO NO SUCH THING. THIS IS STILL ZE D'COOLETTE HOME, AND THERE IS NO PLACE FOR YOU HERE!

HAH, VERY WELL. THOUGH I LOST BOTH THE DUEL AND MY CLAIM TODAY, I HAVE GAINED SOME RESPECT.

CLEARLY, THAT IS NO COMMON SWORD YOU FOUND DOWN THERE. PERHAPS WHAT ONCE WAS LOST IS LOST NO MORE.

THOUGH I STILL DOUBT YOUR ANCESTORS' WORTHINESS OF IT, MAYBE THERE IS AT LEAST ONE D'COOLETTE THAT CAN BE. ADIOS, ANTOINE.

MAN, LISTEN TO HIM! RUNNING OFF WITH HIS TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS AND HE STILL WANTS TO HAVE THE LAST WORD!

HEH, HE IS NOT BEING WRONG, THOUGH. I AM LUCKY HE LEFT PEACEFULLY INSTEAD OF WANTING ANOTHER ROUND.

I WAS TOO CARELESS. IF I HAD NOT FALLEN TO THE ARMORY AND NOT FOUND MY... WHAT I NEEDED TO WIN-

TIME OUT. YOU THINK IT'S JUST SOME NEW GEAR THAT LET YOU SEND BORE-TEZ PACKING?

NAH, I'M NOT BUYIN' IT. SOMETHING ABOUT YOU SEEMS... DIFFERENT NOW.

EEEH, YOU THINK SO? IT IS ONLY THESE GLOVES AND THIS BLADE I FOUND DOWN THERE.

WELL, WHATEVER. I DO DIG THE NEW VIBE YOU'VE GOT GOING ON. VERY "WANDERING SWORDSMAN"-ESQUE.

REALLY? I SUPPOSE IT WOULD BEING ZE DASHING LOOK, NON?

I WOULDN'T KNOW, BUT I BETCHA BUNNIE WOULD GET A KICK OUT OF IT.

O-OH MY! YOU TRULY THINK SO?

ALTHOUGH...THIS MEANS THAT I AM LEAVINGS THINGS UNFINISHED. CORTEZ IS RIGHT. I DO NOT KNOW WHY MY FAMILY ABANDONED THIS PLACE.

YEAH, I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT IT FEELS LIKE WE HIT A DEAD END. WE KINDA BUMMED OUT ON THIS TRIP.

WORSE STILL IS THAT NOW I AM KNOWING ZE CASTLE IS UNDEFENDED. OTHERS WILL TRY AND STEAL THIS PLACE AND BRING RUIN TO IT. IT IS ALREADY TAKING ZE TOLL JUST WITH THE DAMAGE FROM OUR FIGHT.

HEY NOW, NOTHING STOPPING YOU FROM COMING BACK AND FIXING THINGS ONCE WE WRAP THINGS UP, RIGHT? THE CASTLE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE ANYTIME SOON.

AT LEAST, NOW THAT IT'S NOT ON A FLOATING HUNK OF ROCK IN SPACE. WAY EASIER TO FIND THAT WAY.

HEH, YOU ARE RIGHT, SONIC. I SHOULD NOT BE SO MUCH ZE WORRIED WART. CHATEAU D'COOLETTE HAS STOOD THIS LONG, IT WILL NOT CRUMBLE SO EASILY NOW.

LET'S HIT THE SKIES THEN! THE SOONER WE GET BACK, THE SOONER WE CAN FIND OUT HOW EVERYONE'S CHECK-IN MISSIONS WENT.

WAIT, YOU WANT TO PILOT? YOU ALWAYS INSIST THAT I DO IT.

AFTER THAT AWESOME SHOW YOU PUT ON BACK THERE? NAH, YOU'VE EARNED THE BIG HERO EXIT. C'MON, GET UP HERE.

A-AH, MERCI BEAUCOUP! I WOULD BE HAPPY TO!

FATHER, MOTHER, I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR FAITH IN ME. I VERY MUCH WISH I COULD STILL SHARE MY THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS WITH YOU, ALL THE HAPPINESS I HAVE FOUND IN LIFE, THE STRUGGLES BOTH OLD AND NEW I HAVE, AND MY TRIUMPHS TODAY AND YET TO COME.

I KNOW THAT WHEREVER YOU ARE, YOU ARE ABLE TO REST KNOWING OUR FAMILY'S DUTY IS STILL BORNE STRONG. UNTIL ZE DAY I SEE YOU BOTH ONCE MORE, I WILL NEVER LET OUR PURPOSE BE FORGOTTEN.

SONIC

EXIT: STAGE LEFT

AND THAT'S A WRAP! GOODNIGHT EVERYBODY!

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:
ADAM BRYCE THOMAS: PENCILS
JIM AMASH: INKS: (PAGES 9-11,13,17)
RIK MACK: INKS: (PAGES 1-8,12,14-16,18-20)
ENIGMA MACHINE: COLOURS
T.RAINMAN: SCRIPT
RIK MACK: LETTERS

THANK YOU ARCHIE FOR
THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

Letters from the TEAM

Editorial commentary made with the REAL SUPER POWER of TEAM WORK!

Yeah, that's right. I stole Vin's Sonic Heroes reference.

Well folks, that was it! The first issue of the **Archie Restoration Team** is here! We hope you enjoyed it! This was a long time coming but hopefully this fan completion project gives you a glimpse of what what could have been!

This issue is a fan made completion of the unpublished *Sonic Universe #95* based on the issues pencils by **Adam Bryce Thomas**, with a few of the pages inked by **Jim Amash**. Everything else was handled by the trio of **t.Rainman**, **Rik** and **EnigmaMachine**!

After the cancellation of the Archie Sonic series we thought it was a real shame that so much work had gone into the comic that wasn't going to see the light of day, so we decided to do what we could to make it so there was some send off for a couple members of the FF and the Archieverse. So we gathered up any and all information and artwork from the issues that never saw print and what you see here is the culmination of our efforts! We hope you like it!

If you're interested in helping out on the project you can join the discord!
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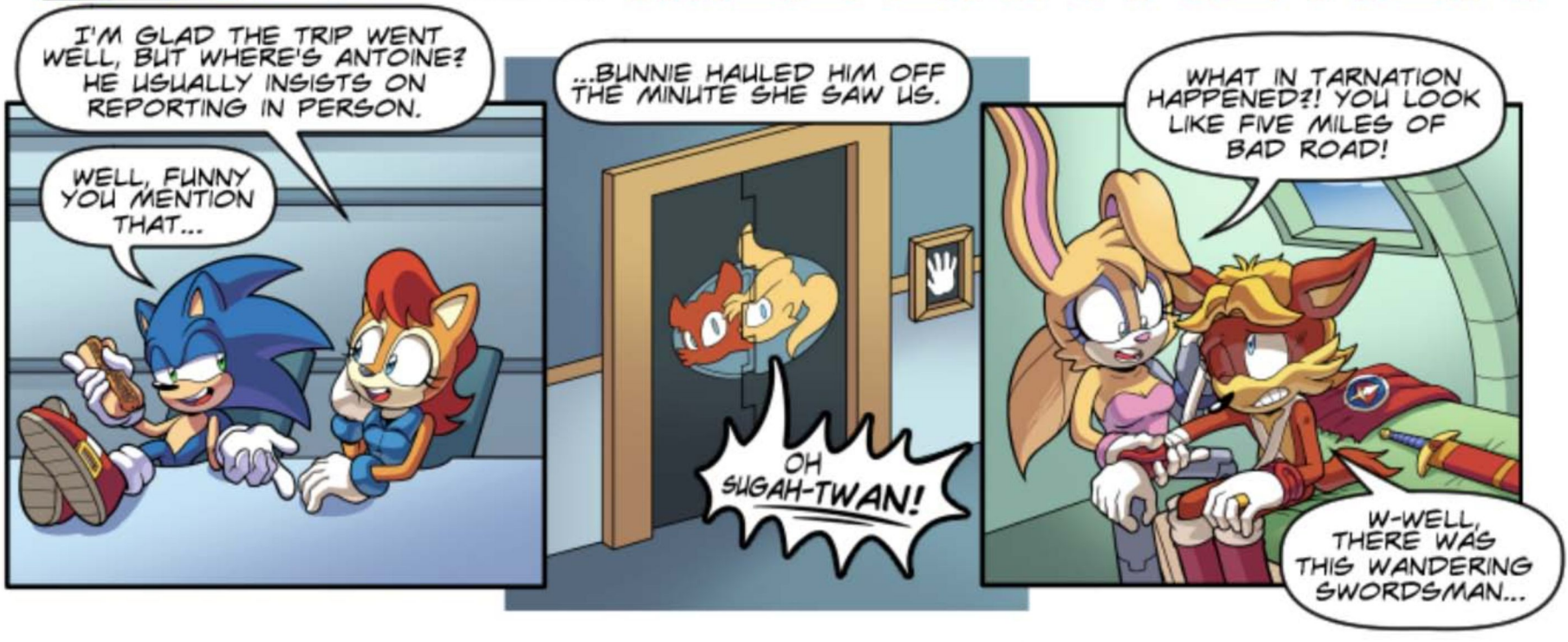
- Rik Mack
Faker Editor

OFF PANEL

MISS D. IN ACTION


I'M GLAD THE TRIP WENT WELL, BUT WHERE'S ANTOINE? HE USUALLY INSISTS ON REPORTING IN PERSON.
WELL, FUNNY YOU MENTION THAT...
...BUNNIE HAULED HIM OFF THE MINUTE SHE SAW US.
OH SUGAH-TWAN!
WHAT IN TARNATION HAPPENED?! YOU LOOK LIKE FIVE MILES OF BAD ROAD!
W-WELL, THERE WAS THIS WANDERING SWORDSMAN...

SCRIPT:T.RAINMAN LINEART:RIK COLOURS:ENIGMAMACHINE

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A cyan crusader?

Thankfully when it came to this issue, there was a little bit of concept artwork floating about that meant we actually knew what colour Cortez was supposed to be, and Antoine's snazzy new duds too!

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE

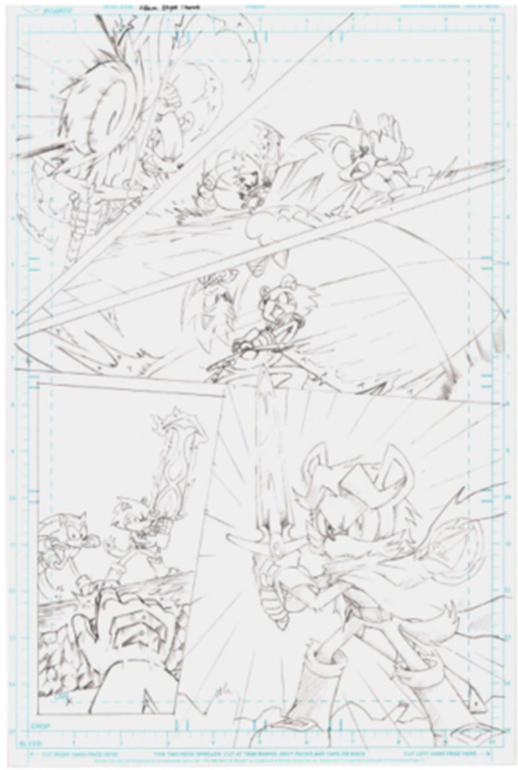
In what was originally going to be an introduction for a brand new look for Antoine going forward, this issue sadly becomes a send off for our intrepid coward come hero, but what a look it is! A new family blade and a renewed sense of purpose really help Antoine stand out. It's a shame we didn't get more!

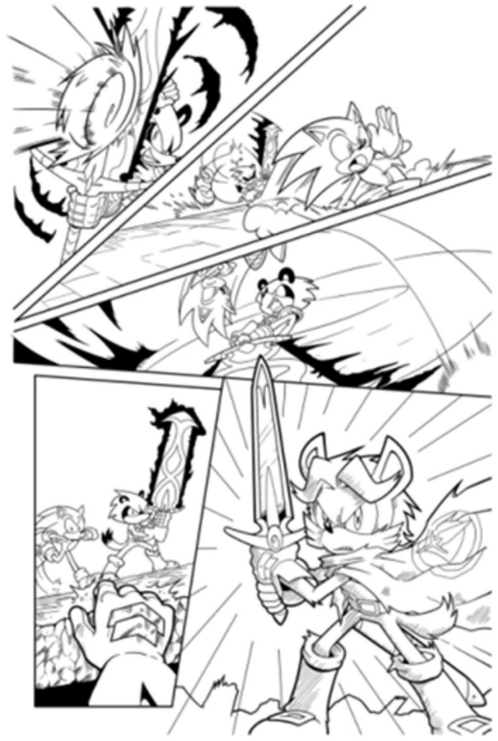
CORTEZ

We didn't get much information on Cortez so showing his personality was largely extrapolated through ABT's expressive artwork. We know he's a swordsman with a grudge against the D'Coolette's and his colour scheme but that's it! We decided he was Spanish due to the name, which made him a nice parallel to Antoine.

ABOVE: Designs for Antoine and Cortez by penciller Adam Bryce Thomas

Once we had the pencils, Rik inked all the pages we couldn't find inks for. Then they were passed to EnigmaMachine for colouring! During this time, t.Rainman worked on a script. Once that was finished it was back to Rik for the lettering!





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T.RAINMAN

Greetings, dear readers.

If you enjoyed this stab at interpreting Ian Flynn's original intent for the issue, then I'm right there with you, as I certainly had a blast writing it. Going in, I assumed that piecing together a story from the existing panels would be straightforward, but it ended up being more complex than expected.

Studying characterizations, matching speaking styles, deciding upon what kind of "voice" Cortez would have, and especially filling in the blanks of the plot were all hurdles that had to be crossed to assemble Antoine's sendoff tale. Ian (if you ever read this), speaking as a longtime fan, I hope I at least came close to doing it justice.

- >t.Rainman, Writer

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Coming up with lore that was simple yet compelling for the Kings and Cortez was the most daunting challenge for the story.

Lots of nods to a certain black swordsman were included, such as Cortez's sword SFX. Can you spot them all?

Antoine has spent so much time as the butt of jokes; getting to write his noble, competent side was not just a little refreshing.

Hey gang!

I hope you had fun with this one, it probably took you a few minutes to read but we've been working on this one for a looong time! Initially I inked the first 6 or so pages of this purely as a portfolio piece, but when I found out about the Restoration team discord channel I figured I'd pop in, (as I'm legally obligated to volunteer for every sonic comic project I find on the internet) and long story short, me and EM eventually decided to see this one through to the end!

Once we got rolling I knew we'd need some letters to put all over this fantastic artwork, and lucky for us I knew a writer who not only loves *Archie Sonic* but also knows a bunch about this *Beserk* thing that this issue seems to be *slightly* influenced by! Enter: t.R on script!

Since I was also lettering, after that it was just a matter of bouncing the script back and forth to make sure the dialogue flowed, didn't overwhelm panels and was nice and readable, etc., and then do my best to make SFX that wasn't completely terrible!

We spent a lot of time on this, and we hope you enjoy it. The original issue was made by an incredibly talented team and it's a real shame it never got to print. Who knows, maybe IDW will release them one day, fingers crossed! But, in the meantime, I had a blast working with some super talented folks bringing this issue to you all, hope you dig it.

- Rik, Inks, letters,
general dogsbody

ps. I know the intro page isn't the *Universe* one, but it's too late to fix it now!

ENIGMAMACHINE

That's a wrap! I hope you all had as much fun reading this as we did making it. It took a group effort from the whole team to finish it up, but it was a joy to see it all come together.

I got involved with this project after being lucky enough to purchase a few of the original comic pages from Adam Bryce Thomas himself! It was such an honor to own a piece of Archie Sonic history, and I really wanted to do this wonderful issue justice by giving it the completion it deserved.

It was such a great opportunity and experience to color this issue, although it was a challenge without the script. There were a few times where I had to piece together what was happening based on the visual cues alone. Luckily Adam Bryce Thomas did such an expressive job with the characters that I was able to finish the job.

So thank you all again for reading this issue. Archie Sonic has always been a big inspiration to me and a very important part of my childhood, so I'm really glad we could finish this issue.

- EnigmaMachine,
colours

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GENESIS OF A HERO

FINALE